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### Suggestion Program Nets \$3,360 For Idea Producing Employes in 1958

SANTELLI, BLAIR, BOUCHER, AND POIROT LEAD LIST OF









MARY SANTELLI \$150 JOHN BLAIR \$125 AUGUST BOUCHER

ADELINE POIROT

Idea producing employes shared a cear record of \$3,360 in suggestion dollars during 1958. This unprecedented amount was shared by 82 award winning employes and stitutes an average of nearly \$41 per award.

The total number of suggestion applications received and investigated by the Committee was 159 and with 82 being accepted for awards, represents an award rate of 52%. amount is well above the national average award rate of about 31%.

Copping honors for receiving the highest single award for the year went to Ray Belding of Filter Production whose idea results in a \$175 suggestion check. Other century dollar winners for a single suggestion were: Dorothy Stein of Sprague Products, \$150; John Blair of Metal Clad Tubular Finish. \$125; and Charles Bourdon of coming Inspection, Mary Santelli of Industrial Oil Final Assembly and

August Boucher of Sandia, \$100 each. The December meeting of the Suggestion Committee established another record for the past year when a total of \$685 was awarded. This amount was \$280 higher than the previous monthly high for the year of \$405 set in November.

Mary Santelli of Industrial Oil

Final Assembly, received three awards one of \$100 and two of \$25 for a total of \$150, to become the leading dollar winner for the month. All three ideas were for improved production techniques in her department.

Other century awards for the month ent to John Blair of Metal Clad Tubular Finish with \$125 and August Boucher of Sandia with \$100. John's idea was for a new method of removing epoxy lacquer and stamping from metal clad units and "Gus's" was for a new technique for testing Sandia units.

Close on the leaders' heels with a \$65 award was Adeline Poirot of Tantalum who suggested an easier method of assembling tantalum units.

Awards of \$30 were given to John Murach of the Plating Department, George Lanoue of the Machine Shop and Frank Morandi of the Can Shop

Five award winners received \$25 each and were: Donald Bourdon of Maintenance, Eileen Gillooly of Sprague Products, William Gaffey of Quality Control, William Morehouse of Paper Rolling and Gerald Pessolano of Clorinol.

Closing out the awards for the month were Helen Foote and Dot DeGraff of Shift Registers who coauthored an idea netting them \$15

#### Notice!

1959 parking stickers are now available for Marshall Street employes at the Personnel Office and should be placed on the left rear window of your car by 1 February 1959. When applying for your sticker be sure to bring your car registration.

In order to simplify the parking of automobiles, the following areas have been designated for Marshall Street employes:

Marshall Street Lot-Production Per-

Holden Street Lot-R&E and Office Personnel

River Street Lot-R&E, Office and Production Personnel

#### COMPANY PURCHASES PART OF HYCOR **DIVISION OF IRC**

In an announcement made jointly by both companies it was learned that Sprague Electric has purchased the magnetic component and filter product lines of the Hycor Division of the International Resistance Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sprague will take over the manufacture of the various Hycor product lines including magnetic amplifiers; saturable reactors; high frequency electronic power transformers; tor-roids; decade inductors; low-pass and precision band-pass filters for communication, telephone and sound recording applications, telemetering filters; and broadcast and sound recording propane equalizers, which were formerly made by the IRC Division of its Sylmar, California

Manufacturing equipment, tools, test equipment, engineering drawings, and parts inventories are being transferred to our Union Street plant in North Adams, and to our branch plant in Visalia, California. The new products will be sold under Sprague trademark.

The IRC-Hycor Division will continue its manufacturing operations on precision resistors which were not involved in the sale.

#### Income Tax Booklets Available to **Employes**

Income tax instruction booklets will be made available again this year to Sprague employes. For your copy contact your foreman or department head who will make delivery arrangements for you with Employe and Community Relations.

## ROBERT C. SPRAGUE LOOKS **OPTIMISTICALLY AT 1959**

According to Board Chairman and Treasurer Mr. Robert C. Sprague, the beginning of a new year finds both Sprague Electric and the electronics industry in a considerably more optimistic mood than was the case early in 1958. At that time, our business was headed downward rather rapidly under the impact of the developing recession in the general economy, as well as some special factors related the defense program. In the face of rising unemployment, consumers were inclined to defer the purchase of home entertainment products, while de-liveries of military electronics were falling off sharply as a result of the low level of procurement orders placed by the government during the summer and fall months.

Like the economy as a whole, there is evidence that the bottom of the recession was reached in our industry in late April or May, and that a recovery

has been underway since that time. Sprague Electric felt some of the effects of this general recession and it was not until the last quarter of 1958 that we experienced a modest increase in business activity. It is hoped that this is an indication that we will experience a period of steady progress for 1959. Although our employment level has been somewhat lower than normal in recent months, I hope that this progress will mean a return to our

#### MILITARY ELECTRONICS

In the important military electronics field, orders have been rising after reaching a low point in the early months of the year. This reflects the fact that spending by the Department of Defense for procurement of major defense items reached an annual rate of \$24 billion in the second quarter, nearly triple the low rate in the pre-Sputnik third period of 1957. Furthermore, orders exceeded spending by about \$2 billion during the fiscal year 1958, adding considerably to backlogs in defense-related industries. While deliveries have also risen modestly in recent months, the effects of the earlier cutbacks are still being felt because of the rather long lag that typically occurs between the placing of an order and the initiation of regular production. This is particularly true in a period like the present when major shifts in emphasis among different weapons systems are taking The most dramatic of these shifts, of course, is from manned aircraft to guided missiles. Informed sources estimate that the electronics portion of total missile spending will be about \$1.5 billion in fiscal 1959, exceeding expenditures for aircraft electronics for the first time.

Total military electronics shipments in 1958 probably came to about \$4.1 billion, compared to \$3.9 billion in 1957. With prospects for an increase of at least \$1 billion in total defense spending in 1959, the outlook appears good for further growth in military electronics. I believe our industry can look for increasing military business over the next several years, but must recognize that much of this increase will be in products—whether systems, equipment, or parts—which are basically new and will require extensive specification, tooling, and other pre-production work.

ENTERTAINMENT ELECTRON-ICS

In the home entertainment market, 1958 was a very disappointing year in all segments except hi-fi, which has been enjoying a boom all its own. Retail sales of TV sets have continued to run behind 1957 in recent months and the total for the year probably did not exceed 5.5 million sets, a drop of 16% from the 1957 figure of 6.6 million.

No accurate figures are available with respect to color TV, and although it is generally believed that



ROBERT C. SPRAGUE

sales to the public may have improved in 1958, total color set production of around 125,000 sets was probably down slightly. Production of auto sets dropped to about 3.5 million from 5.5 million. Home radio sales probably declined to 8.5 million from 9.7 million, so that the total radio market was only 12.0 against 15.2 million in 1957.

The entertainment market in 1959 is expected to recover considerably from these disappointing levels, but I believe it is unlikely that this recovery will take us back to the levels of three or four years ago. There has lately been some strengthening in demand for appliances generally, and while I believe we can look for radio-TV sales in 1959 to regain approximately the 1957 rate sometime during the year, it is too early to say how much the 1959 total may improve.

One of the brightest spots in the

entertainment field is the hi-fi market, both for packaged phonographs and separate components. Retail sales of hi-fi components increased last year to \$240 million from \$225 million in 1957, and are expected to reach \$275-300 million in 1959.

Another significant trend in radio the continued emphasis on portables, including transistorized ables powered by ordinary flashlight batteries. In total, the entertainment market contributed about \$1.4 billion or 18% of our industry volume last year, and should probably

#### **Excellent Condition Of Company Planes Cited**

The excellent condition and state of repair of Sprague aircraft main-tained during 1958 was cited last month by the Beech Aircraft Corporation. The citation was presented to Sprague Electric as the result of an inspection made by a Beechcraft Service Clinic.

The clinic is an annual service of Beech Aircraft which furnishes a team of specialists from the Beech factory who thoroughly inspect the degree of maintenance of Beech manufactured Aircraft.

This, the second such award re-ceived by Sprague Electric, is the result of a continued effort on the part of the Flight Department to maintain its aircraft in top operating condition to insure the ultimate in

safety for its passengers and pilots. In addition to the above award, this policy resulted in the Company recently receiving an award presented by the National Business Aircraft Association for amassing a record of 1,904,332 accident free plane miles.

This record, which placed Sprague Flight Operations in the top twenty corporate flight departments across the nation, has been compiled since June of 1951 when it was organized by Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Director of Employe and Community Relations and Flight Operations.

#### COMPANY PLAYS HOST TO SUPER-VISORS AT TRAINING DINNER



At a Supervisors' Training Dinner, held earlier this month Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, chats with a group of Supervisors which includes: John Sears, from the Bennington plant; Clayton Hynes of Maintenance; and Ellen Horsfell of Office Services. The occasion held at the Taconic Park Restaurant was attended by some 120 supervisors, training advisory committee members, and guests. Mr. Sprague spoke briefly on the outlook for 1959.

#### **Motion Economy Training Program** Presented To Production Leaders



Harold Carson (right) of Time Study, is not putting round pegs in square holes but, as part of the program, is showing Gerry Lavigne, supervisor in Small Orders, how to speed-up an operation by using an established system. Next in line to try his hand is John Pierce, superintendent

Some 140 production management and supervisory personnel were given a two session training program cover-ing the "Principles and Application of Motion Economy" earlier this month.

The first session, given the week of January 5th by Harold Carson, Time Study Department Head, consisted of instruction in the general principles of motion economy. This was followed by a second session given the week of

#### Management Group to **Enjoy Dinner Dance**

Members of the Sprague Electric Management Group were guests of the company at a Dinner Dance held Saturday, January 24th at Baxter Hall on the Williams Campus. Hall on the Williams Campus. According to Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Publications who was in charge of arrangements some 350 members and guests attend-

Music was provided by Lester Lanin's Orchestra from New York January 12th by Donald Mieklejohn, Methods Department Head, who discussed Sprague Applications to Motion Economy.

Instruction ran for a total of 21/2 hours for each participant and consisted of short lectures, demonstrations films, handouts and discussions.

The course was designed to make the general principles of Motion Economy understood by production personnel in an effort to help in reducing manufacturing costs. This effort is recognized as being all important in providing our customers the product he wants, when he wants it, at an attractive price. It is also recognized that, in the final analysis our degree of success in this area of cost reduction will have an important bearing on the share of business to be enjoyed by Sprague Electric.

The program was presented by the Time Study and Methods Departments who provided the instruction and the Training & Publications De-partment under Courtney W. Flanders, who provided the administrative

#### "WHERE OUR PRODUCTS GO"



Shown above is a close-up of a Talos missile installation aboard Guided Missile Cruiser U.S.S. Galveston. The Galveston will be the first of several cruisers to use the Talos missile, with its nuclear capability, and will join the fleet this summer. The Talos uses Sprague components in its intricate and delicate mechanism.

#### **Harold Brafman Moves** To Field Engineering As Product Specialist

It was announced early this month that Harold Brafman who has served as Superintendent of the Mica De-partment by Carroll G. Killen, Manager of the Field Engineering Depart ment, for the past seventeen years has joined the staff of the Field Engineering Department. In his new post he will serve as a Field Engineering Product Specialist for all Mica and Fab-Mica capacitors.

It was additionally announced that all production activities previously supervised by Mr. Brafman will be under the general jusisdiction of Frans Fonteyn, Brown Street Plant Superintendent. Mr. Fonteyn will be assisted in the Mica and Fab-Mica phase of this activity by William Pierce, General Foreman, who will continue his responsibilities for the Ceramic

and Wire Coating Departments.
Pilot plant development work on Fab-Mica and production will be-come the responsibility of Edward Younglove, reporting to Walter Lamphier of the Research and Engineering Department. Mr. Younglove will also serve as Product Engineer for Mica and Fab-Mica products.

Mr. Brafman carries to his new position some thirty years experience in the Mica Field. He represents the American Standards Organization and the American Society for Testing Materials of which he is Chairman of the Sub-Committee on raw mica products and last year was leader of the U.S. delegation on Mica to the International Standards Organiza-tion meeting at Harogate, England. He is also a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

#### SEEBF Donates Over \$18,000 During 1958

The Sprague Electric Employes Benefit Fund donated \$18,028.93 to charitable fund raising organizations and employes suffering severe hardship or misfortune during 1958.

The Fund, which is supported by your weekly contributions through voluntary payroll deduction, has also pledged \$1350 for the year 1959 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Fund, Inc. This pledge equals the donation made last year and will be paid in installments throughout the year.

Donations made during the year were as follows:

N.A. United Community \$13,000,00 Fund

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ing Severe Hardship or Misfortune

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#### Editorial . . .

#### 500 Years Too Soon

You have another thing coming if you believe: The Wright Brothers flew the first airplane The tank was introduced in World War I

The Gatling Gun was the first machine gun. Because you would be wrong. These, and many other inventions by Leonardo da Vinci, were first conceived just about the time Christopher Columbus was stubbing his nautical toe on the American continent while hunting for the Indies. And that nag-frightener, the horseless carriage of the 1890's, has to backseat, too, because Leonardo designed the first mechanical car. The lack of a compact power unit and a metal sufficiently hard for his needs were among the things that held Leonardo back from the full realization of

his inventive genius. He was born 500 years too soon. But we were born at just the right time to use our inventive genius in the

Company's Suggestion System. Exercise a little of that da Vinci spirit yourself. It may mean money in your

#### 1,618.93 Rondeau Retires; Machine Shop Promotions Announced



LEWIS WILLBRANT WILLIAM BROWN

John Ortman, Manager of Plant Engineering Services, in an announce-ment made earlier this month ap-pointed Lewis Willbrant as Superintendent and William Brown as

Ernest Purpura, Secretary; Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Treasurer; John H. Winant, Assistant Treasurer; and John D. Washburn, John Sullivan, Raymond Mahar, and Bernard Fitzpatrick as members.

Foreman of the Company's Machine

The appointment followed the retirement, December 31, 1958, of Theophile "Tuffy" Rondeau who had served as Superintendent for the past 16 years. Mr. Rondeau, a 28-year veteran of Sprague service, joined Sprague Electric in May 1930 as a die maker and machinist and was appointed Machine Shop Foreman in 1937 before becoming Superintendent in 1942.

Mr. Willbrant, Sprague Electric in July, 1952, as Machine Shop Foreman, has a wealth of experience in machine work. He is a graduate of the General Electric Company's apprentice course and has worked as a Diemaker, Moldmaker, and Designer for various companies. He also taught drafting at Pittsfield High School for a number of vears.

Mr. Brown is also a graduate of the General Electric apprentice course and worked at G.E. as an Apprentice and Toolmaker. He joined Sprague Electric in May, 1939, and has worked as a Toolmaker. Diemaker and Mold-

#### SPRAGUE **EMPLOYES**



Shown above is a group of Sprague Branch Plant Managers who earlier this month attended an annual Production Manager's meeting in North Adams. From left to right they are: Carroll Lufcy, President of Dynacor, Inc., Kensington, Maryland; Martin Daigneault, Factory Manager of the Visalia California plant; Robert Parrish, Factory Manager of the Ashe County, North Carolina plant; Alvin Schils, Factory Manager of the Nashua, New Hampshire plant; Harry Rubinstein, President of Sprague of Wisconsin, Inc. in Grafton, Wisconsin; Fred Ralph, Manager of the Capacitor Division, Rock of Ages, Barre, Vermont; and Jesse Ault, General Manager of the Concord, New Hampshire plant.



Proudly tacking his International Correspondence School diploma on his office wall is Pat Davis (right) of Sprague Products. Pat recently completed a 2 year course in Traffic Management under the Company's Educational Sponsorship Program. Lending a hand is Richard Trottier, Administrative Assistant to the Sprague Product's President.



Congratulations are in order as Theophile, "Tuffy", Rondeau, (center) receives a handshake from Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service with Sprague Electric. "Tuffy" has been with the Machine Shop during all of his Sprague career and has served as its Superintendent since 1942. Awaiting his turn at congratulation is George Senecal, Foreman of the Formation Department, himself a 28 year veteran of Sprague service.



FLASH--Bob Boyer (left) Warehouse and Trucking Assistant Foreman, gets off a radio message to Ed Bourdon, Truck Driver, to expedite a delivery. The radio hook-up is a recently installed system used to speed-up deliveries between the four local plants and consists of a Central Radio Control operated from the Marshall Street Warehouse to a network of four trucks and one jeep.

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Company, was reappointed Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The appointment was made by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and marks the third year that Mr. Sprague has been given this honor.

JOHN J. GUMBLETON, of the Sales Office, will head the March of Dimes Drive in North Adams for the fourth consecutive year.

ALBERT J. DESROSIERS, a student Methods and Planning engineer, was presented a \$100 Sears B. Condit Award at the annual Northeastern University Convocation in Boston. The award is given for "outstanding scholarship and exemplary personal characteristics."

JOHN SCHIMMEL III, executive engineer, spoke to 30 junior and senior boys at Drury High School on the subject of a career in engineering and allied fields.

ROBERT J. MARRIOTT, a foreman in the Special Products Division, discussed "Adult Education" in a speech before the North Adams Kiwanis Club.

STANLEY W. BUBRISKI, of Research and Engineering, was awarded U. S. Letters Patent 2,862,155 on November 25, 1958 for an encapsulated tantalum foil electrolytic capaci-

PRESTON ROBINSON, Consultant Director, was awarded U.S. Letters Patent 2,864,774 on December 16, 1958 for a process for producing electrically conductive plastic mater-

DAVID B. PECK, manager of Special Products Division, was awarded U. S. Letters Patent 2,866,057 on December 23, 1958 for a low resistance resin-base ink for printed resistors.

SIDNEY D. ROSS, of Research and Engineering, was awarded U. S. Letters Patent 2,866,139 on December 23, 1958 for a quinone electrolyte for electrolytic capacitors.

# Departmental News



#### Hi-Rel. Test & Ship

by Alice Filip and Evelyn Luczynski Dot Saulnier has become the proud mother of a baby son, Michael John . Valerie Piantoni was really jumping for joy when she became an aunt for the first time, she is now looking forward to being a godmother... Glad to hear Mary Zoito has left the hospital and we are looking forward to having you back with us soon... Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jowett who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary January 20th . . . Tis rumored that the scratches and bruises on our Frances Laghi are the results of a sliding experience. May we offer a bit of advice, Frances,leave the sliding to the kiddies, next

### **Bathtub Assembly**

by Jessie Meczywor

Welcome to Pauline McCuen, Delma Mroz, Elizabeth Berger and Jeannette Shambeau. Hope you like working with us. . Nice to see Eleanore Durocher back with us again . . . Anyone wanting instructions on how to cook a 10 lb. ham (well done that is) please contact our foreman, Art Spencer.

#### Check Inspection

by Ceil Mikuszewski

We had the pleasure of having Ethel Sakowski and her husband at

awaiting the stork...Our Christmas party was held at Taconic Park and abounded with exchanging of presents, singing of Christmas carols and dancing...Talk about energetic and far-thinking folks, Helen Bryce can be numbered among them, she has already started knitting her Christmas gifts for next year...George Senecal became engaged to Carol Brown, and the wedding is to take place in June. It's nearer than you think, George! Speedy recoveries to both Marilyn Daub and Josephine Magnifico.

### Hi-Reliability (Nights)

by Veronica Sobon

Our Christmas Party was held at Four Acres and enjoyed very much by all 28 of us. The date was December 11th and Pearl Luczynski and Janet Mahar were in charge of the affair, and our thanks for a job "well done .Corinne Button and Lorraine Andrew enjoyed two weeks vacation during the holidays.

#### Film Products

by Nina Underwood

Birthday celebrations were in order for Vernon Decoteau, son of Ida and Sid, on the occasion of his 11th birthday, December 26th and for George Crockwell, Jr., son of Ronnie and George on the occasion of his 9th birthday, December 30th...We are glad the holidays have passed, although there were many good times, it's nice to be back to our normal routine.

#### Metal Clad Assembly

by Lillian Gainer & Ada Harrington A Happy and Prosperous 1959 to everyone, and we'll start by welcomour Christmas party. Ethel is on leave ing back to our department Gladys

Kilbride...The rush and preparations for Christmas are over, but we would like to relate to you the different dishes, meanings, etc. which the members of this department give and have for Christmas. Susie Pollone -makes Crispitelli (Italian pastry). Millie Curtis—likes to see her children unwrap their gifts, Chuck-likes lots of turkey, Mary Cozzaglio-likes to go home to her family, Marion Marceau -says "Let's have Egg Nog", Maria and Clyde MacDonald-make Kasekuchen (German Cheese Cake), Claire Poirot-would like to get an unmarried Santa Claus, Bertha Dupree -rice and pineapple pudding with cream, Helen Korzendorfer-chestnut dressing, Helen Baxter-being with all her family, Catherine Letalienplum pudding and hard sauce, Leona Millard—just likes friends to drop in, makes French pork Alice Contois pies called "Tourterie", Florence Germaine—carrot pudding, Betty Romeo-fruit cake, Viola Miller-playing it smart by going to her daughter's Grace Perreault—tomato soup fruit cake, Edie Noel-going out and letting someone else make the dinner for a change, Colleen Phillips-stuffed steak with artichokes and mushrooms in tomato sauce called "Brachole" in Italian, Grace Dupuis—pecan pie, Harold Norcross-cranberry and orange relish and food (period), Jennie Thompson—makes her own popcorn balls, Lola Briggs-Buccola, cod fish fixed Italian style, Dot Spraguebutternut pie, Helen Lefebvre-cranberry punch, Nellie Krol-baked Alaska, Jennie Pincombe-makes her own Christmas bread, Pearl Walkerher grandchildren, Virginia Mac-Donald—anything that's sweet, Alice Roberts — seeing granddaughter

Elizabeth Marie Lavariere, who was one year old on December 16th, enjoy her first Christmas, Pauline Barrettmaking lots of cookies with her daughter for the grandchildren to give away, Rose Blair-homemade ravioli, Ada Harrington-a big tree and music, Maria Zelazik- Csekaladiwa torte which is Polish chocolate cake, Janina Dymek—Paczki or Polish doughnuts, Barbara Campedellimaking the rounds visiting friends. Mary Paoletti-looking forward to the big reunion at her sister's home, Alyce French-watching daughter, Dawn Lee enjoy what Santa Claus brought, Bernie O'Neill-looking forward to the stork's approaching visit, Alice Lavariere—making French dishes and greeting friends, Jennie Burdick-having a good time, Francis Harrington—asking Santa to put his own Marilyn Monroe in his stocking, Fred Suthers—going to see old friends, and Lillian Gainer—going to church on Christmas eve and enjoying all the old-fashioned home made Christmas dishes and being with loved ones

Alice Lavariere has returned from her vacation which, for the most part, was spent at home...Claire Poirot wants to hear Nellie Krol vodel. We do too, Nellie!...All of us would like at this time to send our heartiest congratulations to Alice and Modesto Maselli on their 45th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on December 22nd.

Millie Curtis, who has been out on sick leave for a month, just got out of the hospital a few days before Christmas, and we wish Millie a speedy recovery and return to good health and work...Helen Baxter's Christmas was complete with the visit here by her son, Rev. Harry Baxter, Jr. and his family from Plains, Penn. Rev. Baxter has the pastorate of the Congregational Church there... We were so sorry to hear our former check inspector, Marilyn Daub, was hospitalized with

pneumonia. Hurry and get better Marilyn-we miss you (you and your jokes) So long for now—we'll see you



### Industrial Oil Cover Assembly

by Isabel Witherow and Ann O'Dell Our Christmas party was a success with a nice lunch and presents for everyone. We all enjoyed it and hope everyone else had happy Holidays!... Here are a few of our New Year's resolutions: Gladabelle-To refuse chocolates. Henry-to forget about girls. Guido-to learn how to whistle. Katherine-to match her jewelry before wearing. Lil-to pick up boxes more carefully. Isabel-to eat spaghetti with cheese. Lettie-to get to work earlier. Daisy—to give up coke and drink tea. Emma—to spend more evenings out. Martha-to remember to punch in at noon. Ann-to keep her pony tail curled. Let's all keep our resolutions at least a few weeks... That's the news for now, be back with the next Log.

#### Sandia Coolers

by Evelyn Jones

Hope the New Year holds a lot of good things for everyone...Our best wishes go along with Pat and Florence DeMarco, who have left the brisky Berkshires to make their future home in Sunny Florida...Joan Giroux was disappointed at Christmas as she didn't receive a badly needed tonsil pick. If someone has an extra one would you please contact Joan... Two more happy grandmothers have been added this month. These two

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## Sprague Sports - Bowling Highlights Winter Season

By LOU ZITER



National League leaders at the halfway mark is the Maintenance team which reading from left to right includes: Les Estes, Andy Girgenti, George Forgea, Gus Boucher and Mel Peck.



American League leaders at the halfway mark is the Shipping team which, reading from left to right, includes: Joe Rotolo, Dick Gotzens, John Murray, Joe McGlynn, and Joe Nuvallie. Absent when picture was taken was George Shurtleff.



Leading the Girls' League are the Sprague Keys which, reading from left to right, includes: Marilyn Bourdon, Doris Harvey, Nancy Kelly, Arlene Decoteau, Ann Archambault, Sidney Morin and Jerry Macchia.



At a recent match Frank Fortini, Clyde Jangrow, Miles O'Grady and Bill Fortini watch Jack Brooks do the scoring.



One of the cheering sections included: (front row) Mel Peck, Clyde Jangrow, Sterling Hewitt, Frank Fortini and Ernie Johnson. Second row, Dick Powell, Walt Brayman, Dave Chiettini, Larry LaBombard and Miles O'Grady. Standing are Nello Zanett and Bernie Duval.



Awaiting their turn are (1st row) Ness Robert, Loren Estes, Joe Pilling, "Babe" Jobin, and Don Fortini. Back row: Rog Bastion, Harold Shore, Sr., Harold Shore, Jr. and Walt Rogowski.



Looking mighty disgusted are: Harold Shore, Sr., Ness Robert, Loren Estes, Don Fortini, Walt Rogowski, Joe Pilling, Babe Jobin and Harry Logan.



The ladies brighten up the alleys at a recent match. Shown here are (front row) Pat Roy, Lee Crandall, Ceil Magnifico and Josephine Voight. Second row: Ann Lamoureux, Hazel Martel and Amelia Koza. Back row: Mary Bator, Phyllis Schmidt, and Daisy Kuczenski.



Beaming over more high scores are Helen Bailey, Edith Dean, Lillian Babcock, Irene Pigeon, Theresa Yarter and Shirley DeMarco.

#### Men's and Girls' Bowling Leagues At Half-way Mark

BOWLING: The Sprague inter-plant bowling leagues have been competing regularly for the past few months and the first half of the schedule was completed recently.

The Men's League has been divided into American and National Leagues. Each league consists of six teams each. Midway in the schedule the Shipping leads the American and Maintenance leads the National.

High team total is 1583 held by the Maintenance team while Shipping leads the high team single with 580. High single and three string totals are held by Leroy Vivaldi with 142 and 355. Leading with the most strikes are both Bill Fortini and Harold Shore, Jr. with 11 each. The Women's League, which in-

The Women's League, which increased its teams to sixteen this year, completed a most successful first half. The strong Sprague Keys, led by their Captain, Gerry Macchia, took top laurels with Western Electric once again in the runner-up position. LEAGUE STANDINGS AT THE HALFWAY MARK:

American League Name 25 19 Shipping 11 \*Incoming Inspection Western Electric FP Ovens 15 18 13 Industrial Oils 13 20 Plating National League Name Maintenance 26 19 14 Inspectors Control Lab R & E \*KVA 14 19 22 Dry Rolling \*Denotes team has a make up match.

Several talented bowlers represent each team and competition is as keen as can be. Leading the league with the high individual single of 132 is Hazel Martell of N.C. tabs. The high three string total goes to Gerry Macchia of the Keys with a neat 348. High team single and triple totals belong to the N.C. tabs team with 509 and 1438 respectively. Knocking the pins down for the most strikes is Dot Degraff of the Merriettes, numbering

With results mentioned above, it is conceivably shown that the women's league is well represented with some talented performers.

talented performers. Women's First Half Standing (Final) Team Sprague Keys Western Electric 50 Industrial Oils N.C. Tabs I.B.M. 43 Tantalum 35 29 31 Hi-Rels 29 26 31 Pixies 34 Filterettes Nicolettes A.D. Products 29 C.I. Goslings Merriettes 19 18 Smiths

Mix-Ups

Keeglers

#### The History of Bowling

No other game of skill can be traced authentically as far back into antiquity as bowling, for implements discovered in tombs of the Ancient Greeks reveal the fact that a game similar to bowling was played over 7,000 years ago.

7,000 years ago.

The origin of bowling in Europe can be placed in Northern Italy, where people living in the Alpine regions during the time of Caesar played a game similar to the present-day Italian bowling game called "Boccie". Different types of bowling games were introduced at various times in all sections of Europe.

The Ninepin game became a favorite pastime with the people of Holland ... the French played a game called Carreau ... Curling, an adaptation of the ancient game of Bowls, was started in Scotland. Skittles was introduced in England during the fourteenth century, and the first indoor bowling alley was opened in London in 1455.

Although all of these games had a part in the development of modern bowling, it is very likely that Ninepins is the most closely allied game with the bowling game we play today. The Ninepin game was brought to America in 1623 by the Knickerbockers, early Dutch settlers of Manhattan

The development of bowling has kept pace with the advancements of modern civilization. In its early forms, it was a crude recreation played with primitive equipment. And, it is interesting to know that during the earlier years, only the nobility, educated and aristocratic persons were able to play, because all courts or alleys were privately owned.

Today, bowling is enjoyed by millions of people throughout America. Precision equipment, modern lanes, and well-organized league play have made the game a highly competitive sport, an amusement and a recreation for boys, girls, men and women of all ages. It's an acknowledged physique and health builder, and is considered to be one of the most scientific games played.

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### THE TRADING POST



#### FOR SALE

KODAK—16mm Movie Camera. Magazine loading. With leather case and filters. Excellent condition. Call Wmstn. 1160 or Ext. 246.

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#### These Babies Were All Born To Families of Brown Street High Quality Rollers During 1958!



granddaughter of Susan Perras, Ruth Perras of High Quality and Bill of the Etch House, is a lovely



Raymond Bissaillon, grandson of Vicki Bissaillon, wants us to see his "two front teeth"



"Now what do you think about that", says Beth Morse, granddaughter of Betty DeMers.



Only 10 days old when this picture was taken, was Deborah Cole, granddaughter of Ann Fortin.



"It's such an interesting place", says Anne Chase. She is the daughter of Gladys Chase.



"I wonder what this is all about?" says Joey Gancarz. His mother is Genevieve.



Gayle Markland wanted to be sure to see Santa when he came. Her father is Donald Markland.



Thomas LaFrance, son of Ray, isn't too sure that he likes being out in the big wide world.



"Kitty and I have lots of fun", Jeffery Hurlbut, son of Ida. His father is Ronnie of Ind. Oils.



"I'm a tough guy", says Alan Ziter. His grandmother is Vicki Bissaillon and his father is Lou Ziter.

beaming ladies are Geraldine Giusti and Irelle Garello...Speedy recovery to Florence Dupre's son, who spent some time in the hospital...Violet McClelland spent Christmas in Connecticut visiting her brother...We are all waiting for Milly Conroy to wear a pair of those snappy stockings that she got for Christmas...Dorothy Baker is now basking in the sun at Baker's Port, Florida. Dottie is our first vacationist of the year...Had a very enjoyable visit with Frances Pitoniak. She sends her best to everyone for the New Year... 'til next issue

#### **High Quality Rollers**

by Betty DeMers
Alice Lunney chose Christmas week as her vacation time, and during the week invited the girls up for a very lunch, and inspection of her beautiful home...Some of the girls celebrated with a little Christmas party at Four Acres and really had a wonderful evening. Ann Fortin spent the holiday week-end in Wash-Fortin ington, D.C. with her daughter and family, and getting acquainted with her new granddaughter, which like a proud grandmother reports is little doll" ...We celebrated two birthdays this month. Alice Lunney and Ray LaFrance both received a gift and a birthday cake from the gang...Ann must have had a surplus of cash left over after Christmas shopping as she was throwing dollar bills away with her coffee cup.

#### Industrial Oils

by Erminia Sweeney

Our annual Christmas party was held at Four Acres. Francis Delisle received suitable gifts for Christmas Rose Cardinal got a cedar chest from her Santa. Liz Slattery's son was home for the holidays...We recently enjoyed a dinner served to us by caterers Bateman's Market, we had appropriate dinner music and were entertained by a solo nicely sung by soloist Kenny Russell . . .

#### Networks & LCC Line

Magnetic Samples

Happy New Year and I hope everyhad a nice Christmas... Christmas party was held at the Four Acres on December 20th and a good time was had by all...As an extra celebration a Christmas dinner was held in the Networks Department. Everything was so tasty, no one even thought of calories...Glad to Santa bought a new pipe to Clem Mossolino . . . Santa was very good to Tiny Knights, he bought her a brand wedding band of which she is mighty proud.

High Quality
by Mae & Millie

Welcome to Millie Conrov, superising the Sample Line . . . Hi to Mary Zito from all of us. Congratulations to Helen Delisle on the recent birth of a boy, some Christmas present as he arrived on December 25th. Kitty Bergeron spent the Christmas holidays visiting her daughter way out in Independence, Iowa...Julie Morin was looking for a "lost" article recently, wonder if she found

#### Premold Case Assembly

by Florence Clement
Old year gone, New Year is here,
and holidays are over, hope everyone had a grand time and that the year will be a good one for everyone Beatrice Gibeau and Beatrice Mer-anti have returned from their vacations, reporting they had a busy time, but an enjoyable one...We are glad to hear that Mary Burro is feeling better and hope it won't be long before she is back to work again... See you next month.

### **UNION STREET** Echoes

by M. Shirley Noring
It's a brand new year and the etworks & LCC Line
by Irene Pigeon
I would like to wish you all a Very

Sample Department welcomes Janice
Richards back after her recent
motherhood, and it's nice to see Don

LaPine back after his illness. . . Bill Linda had a Burdick's daughter, slight accident with her "flying recently, the result a fractured collar bone...Deil Lilly did you really lose your "jig" or was it where it was supposed to be all the time? Jane Martin isn't convinced that snowplows are always helpful, especially after her recent experience, whereby she had to shovel her driveway twice in one morning.

#### Magnetic Finishing

by Helen Burdick Sure hope everyone had a nice Christmas and received lots of presents from Santa...Farewell to Jack Gottardi who is joining the forces of Uncle Sam. We'll all miss you. has nothing but Leo Patenaude praise for his little gray Volkswagon ...Pinky & Harriet Sherman had a very happy Christmas as their son was home from the Navy and their son-in-law and daughter arrived to spend the holidays with their brand new son, who got his first introduction to the family ... Caroline Wolkowicz became a proud grandmother for the first time Rena Smith entertained her son and daughter-in-law from the state of Washington for the holidays. It was the first time in two years that they were able to get together



#### Coil Winding and Filter Development

by Lucy Kenney
Big heads, and little heads that was the result of our Christmas party held at the Greylock Community Club. The arrangements were made by John Davis, Tony Falco had charge of the entertainment and dancing was enjoyed to the music of Andy Konopka's band. A duet was rendered by Tony and Andy, John O'Connell gave a short speech, also group singing was enjoyed. A big Happy Birthday was sung to Betty Battersby led by

Bob Hamilton and Jack Battersby Mike Morin entertained fifteen kiddies at his home on Christmas day . . . electric blankets under their Christmas trees Francis Dargie and family took in the Ice Show in Springfield recently... Harry Duffy spent his second week of vacation hunting, but

#### Advertising

by Janice Harriman

This month to start the New Year on the right foot, I have asked guest reporter Bernie Barbeau to write the column. Here's what she has to say: First of all we would like to welcome Roberta Miller to the Advertising Dept. We hope to have you

with us for quite some time, Bobbie ... Everyone had their own way of ringing in the New Year, Mitzi Ozolins and Nora Zauls went to a house party with old friends in Albany Bet there was a lot of "chatter" going on that night. Norman Favreau took his girl to the State Armory, from which he reports he had a good time. Dorene Sadlow and Bernie Barbeau went to Turn Hall for their New Year's Eve party, and they really danced the light fantastic. Jan Harriman spent New Year's Eve showing Cal how a steak should really be eaten. We understand Heartwellville Lodge has delicious steaks and that their fried onion rings really hit the spot. How about it, Jan? Pearl McGovern stayed at home with Arthur and watched TV. No doubt a lot of people wished they had done the same thing. John Lee and Wayne Powell also stayed at home. We realize that our Waynie is a little too young to celebrate as we older folks do. Helen Goodermote was on vacation that week. She spent New Year's Eve at home with Howie and Sharyn. Bobbie Miller went to a house party with friends. She had a good time????? June Chenail also went to a house

party and loaded up on "Toot-Kays" (French meat pies). Fran Cyr? Well, she was quite bewildered. She fell asleep in 1958 and was a bit surprised to find it was 1959 when she woke up. Last but not least is our Father of the New Year Baby, Milton Cohen. Tell Henry, Harry, and Joe that another brother is much more fun than little sister would be. And anyway there's still time for a Rebecca. Congratulations from all of us, Milt. Happy New Year to everyone from the Advertising Gang.

#### General Accounting

Congratulations to the members of the Christmas party committee headed by Dot Boutwell for a job "well Dancing was held with music furnished by Rose Ellen Shea's son, Fred. Duncan McNaughton and Bob Armitage were really stepping it up at the dance. Grab-bag gifts, door prizes and center pieces were given out with prizes won by Ann Archam-bault, Pete Esposito, Joan Durocher, Pat Bourdon and Romelda Lanoue Fred McNamara, Emma Jobin and Lea Walden of Purchasing also attended. A good time was had by all ...Another Christmas party was held at the home of "Bunny" Wegrzyn

with some members of the office and their husbands and boyfriends attending. Pete Esposito played the accordion with a grab-bag and lunch afterwards...The Happy Birthdays and cakes went to Eileen Zavattaro, Jean Duprat and Sidney Morin this month...Dot Boutwell spent a week's vacation at home...Rosellen Shea and Bertha Decoteau both enjoyed week-ends in New York City with their husbands... As Sid Morin decends from "Cloud 9" after her engagement to Edward Taft, Beverly Williams hops aboard. She is engaged to Walter "Skip" Gallup ... Welcome back to Theresa Racette and Sheila Lyons...We hope everyone had a very happy and nice holiday.

by Harry Trombley
Paul Anthony Segala arrived on December 31st and his Dad, Louis is



Stephen Sahady, son of Irene of Tantalum, is a fine looking young man of 10 years.

sure excited over the birth of his first son...I happened to overhear a couple of my fellow workers discussing age and long living recently and the following is dedicated to them: "Bet Not On Life" by James J. Metcalfe "Risk all your assets if you wish...According to your worth... But do not gamble on the time... That you have left on earth...Make any bet on things in life... That may turn out or not . . . But do not take the smallest chance...On your eternal lot...Do not put off the duties that ..You owe to God each day...Of being good to others. Of taking time to pray...For you have only so much time...In which to reach the goal...Of God's eternal happiness... For your immortal soul...You are a fool to bet on life...So reckless and so blind...God could allow you many years...But He might change His mind."

#### Dry Rolling and Western Electric

by Nancy Harvey

Flash No. 1: With the approach of tax time, Helena Zawislak wants to know whether she can claim her fish as dependents...Flash No. 2: Gladys Costello is fast becoming a rock and roller. Since the beginning of this new year, she has already learned to "bop"—and to "burp" at the same time!. . Flash No. 3: Josephine Fierro,



Zabek, brother Helen Tatro of Prod. Eng., is currently stationed at Lackland



Nancy (left) and Kathryn are the children of Bob Hamilton a Supervisor in the Filter Dept.



John (left) and Frank (right) are the brothers of Josephine Voight of the Tantalum Department. She's real proud of them and it's easy to see why.

Mary Courtemanche and Millie Pike have recently been hospitalized. Hope the New Year holds only good health for them...See you next time and until then—remember this. "The man looking for trouble doesn't have to take out a search warrant.'

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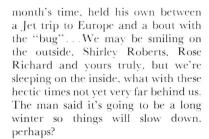
by Suzette T. Lemieux

When the North wind howls and the mercury lurks below zero, when a brave soul's humming turns to icicled notes, when the jolly tears of holiday merriment crystallize before old Winter's grip, it is then that we here in our little International world refuse to budge—much less perform any acts that will merit a medal or deserve mention in this column which limits itself strictly to any news which comes within grabbing distance... Of course, there were the Christmas parties which brought out such hitherto undiscovered talents as Nancy Kelly's fabulous Cha-Cha with the snapping fingers, Ken Haskins mean jitterbug, George Ferran's splendid singing of "Ting-a-ling" and other Christmas ditties, and Marilyn Soha's excellent hustling of Chianti-bottled candles...The New Year's parties were something else again; and although most of us managed to handle a party either at home or out, it seems Marilyn LoPresto got three parties in that night, and Jean Gardzina hasn't yet made any definite statements as to exactly what she did, although the general opinion is that she enjoyed herself tremendously...Beverly Sherman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dubois, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 2 at the Springs, and the reports are that the celebration then spanned a few days. Among other gifts they received, we heard about the healthy money tree which Mrs. Dubois' mother concocted .Our poet Barbara Putthoff, recently began an ode about one of her experiences which ran like this: "A slip on the ice-and there lay she, Under the spreading Christmas tree." Her recent misfortunes also ran into accidentally dropping her purse's contents into a not-too-elegant, not to mention rather unartistic bowl. Ah well, c'est la vie...We are glad to Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. see that William Adams all in one

All dressed up for the wedding is

Bobby Provost, son of Mary and

George of Industrial Oils.



#### Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

Congratulations to Phil Talarico who was recently installed President of the Kiwanis Club...Our shipping department held its Christmas Party December 17th at Taconic Park. We enjoyed a delicious meal, gifts were exchanged, dancing and group singing took place. A former coworker, Esther Chilson, sang two solos...A stag and shower was held recently for Margaret Jobin and Adrian Darling whose marriage is to take place on February 7th.

#### **Plating**

by Joe Pilling

Everyone is pretty quiet after the holidays...Mike Becker has returned from his Florida vacation, while there he purchased some more land and now owns quite a bit of space in the Sunshine State.

#### F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

Everyone is glad to relax after the holidays, but we will always have pleasant memories of one of the nicest Christmas parties ever held. It was held at Taconic Park on December 18th and everyone had a wonderful time. Many commented that we should do it more often... Johanna Kayser won't forget her birthday of 1958. A party in her honor was hostessed by Dot Lewis and her co-workers presented her with a gift and a beautiful cake... Rita Cooper and her family enjoyed an excursion trip to New York City on December 13th and the 14th to see the Christmas lights and decorations . Roy Cook, Mary Moruzzi, Rachel Davis and Lil Aubin spent their vacations at home the week before Christmas ... Hazel Russell spent

Christmas week in Bridgeport, Conn-

ecticut visiting her son and his family.



What a nice big boy is David Lampiasi, son of Gladys of Tantalum and Andrew of Union St.



Rossina Cozzaglio celebrated her birthday with a party. It was a family affair with children and grandchildren present.

#### Tantalum

by Amelia Koza

The Tantalum department had their Christmas party at the Fireside Inn in Cheshire with Belle Mahar as the perfect hostess. Our wholehearted thanks for your patience and a job "well done". Anita Esposito furnished the entertainment. Our special guest was Jack Washburn and we had short speeches by Joel Pierce and Stanley Ziaja. Viola Zepka brought as a guest her sister Mrs. Gerry Patterson visiting from Florida, and whom we are sure must have discovered the Fountain of Youth, judging from her able rendition of the waltz-polka and some fancy Cha-Cha...Josephine Ciavarella received her Christmas present a little bit ahead of time, but with much pleasure, as her husband Angelo arrived from Italy...Congratulations to Adrian Darling on his approaching marriage to Margaret Jobin...Viola Zepka has made a firm New Year's resolution to look before she leaps, thus helping her to keep out of strange cars...Carmen Mancuso and Betty Sharkey spent some of their vacation doing Christmas shopping but stopped long enough to enjoy the holiday .. We are glad to have Ruth Harris

rejoin us after returning from sick leave...Welcome to the Tantalum Department: Kay O'Connor, Mary Lou Parsons, Ruth Bass, Carmela Mancuso, Vera Siccardi, Catherine Marra, Alice Pisano and Jennie Melito.

### Small Order

by Eloise Brown

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year...Yours truly celebrated New Year's Eve in Hartford, Connecticut visiting old friends We are hoping for the quick return of Henry Levesque, Doris Horbal and Don Arigoni who are on the sick leave list . . . Mary Gajda is proudly displaying photos of her beautiful little daughter...Helen Cole celebrated New Year's Eve in the midst of all the gay festivity-New York City...Lou Poirot is the proud father of a brand new baby girl...Dolores Lipinski is sporting a brand new Chevvy, much of her vacation time was spent breaking it in ... Part of our Christmas celebration included a pot luck lunch from which we discovered there are many excellent cooks in our midst... Be back next month.

#### Filter Department

by Ruth Haskins & Alice Monette The stockings are down, the tree is burned, so farewell to Christmas for another year...The Filter Department gathered together December 18 at the Greylock Community Club for their annual Christmas Frolic. Our turkey dinner was catered family style. Music was furnished by Andy Konopka and his boys which contributed to the affair's gaiety. George Paquin played the role of jovial old St. Nick. A "grand time" was reported by all...Bertha Roy spent the Holidays with her son Bob in Lowell... Gertrude Pedercini journeyed to Norwood, Mass to attend the wedding of her son, Alfred on December 27th

Betty Fleury spent the majority of her holiday time convalescing from a fall, but has recovered sufficiently to return to work . . . Marie Lemoine's son, Raymond, who is a member of the U.S. Army currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas spent his holiday leave with Marie and Christmas Day they joined her daughter and her family in Worcester, Mass. and all celebrated together...Frances Dami visited her son and his family in Plainsville, Connecticut Christmas week-end...Angie Damiano spent Christmas with her daughter and family in Springfield...Rose Lazarczyk took her two weeks vacation over the holidays...Yvette Dubois became a grandmother for the fourth time, but this time it's a granddaughter, she

#### W. E. Misc. Dry's (Test and Ship)

also has three grandsons...

by Ella Genesi & Emily Włodyka

Our annual Christmas party which took place in our department Monday noon December 22nd was a great success judging from all reports. A Smorgasbord style lunch was served with everyone donating something different. Tables ordinarily used for shipping were cleared. Being wide and long they served to great advantage.. Grab-bag gifts were exchanged which added to the festiveness of the



Look what was under the Christmas tree! Little Scott Garvey is the grandson of Yvonne Garvey of Beaver St.



It was Christmas Eve - and Ella Genesi's grandchildren seem to. have found Santa already.



These four children are the grandnieces and nephews of Clementine Tapella. They are Greg, Ann, Peter and Jean Cantone.

occasion. Great praise was accorded Production Engineering to Ella Genesi and Gert Volpi for planning and executing the party, so capably...Glad to have you back Della Remillard after your month's leave of absence...Jo Collins was mighty pleased to have her daughter attain an "honorable mention" in a recent photo contest...We wish Benny Parrino a speedy recovery, as he has been out on sick leave much too long!...We honestly miss you, Benny. Your ready wit, your funny sayings, etc., etc. Well, anyway the room isn't quite the same without you!..."Best dressed man of the month" title should go to Harry Beverly who was best man for his brother George recently. (He must have cut quite a figure in his tux! All 200 some odd pounds of him! ahem!)...We're very happy to hear that Alice Menard's granddaughter, Linda, has recovered nicely after her coasting accident...Be around again next month.

#### Retail Sales

by Barbara King Our department celebrated Christ-

mas with a luncheon and grab bag on December 18th. Delicious broiled chicken was served with all the trimmings. . Proud mother was Doris Starr as her daughter, Judy, played in the Christmas Concert composed of musicians from area public schools ....Gisella Blake and Nancy LeBeau recently spent a week-end in New .Connie Gordon, who confesses that she hasn't been ice skating in 20 years, tried skating recently and found she was still quite adept at the sport...The night shift composed of Dolores Domenichini, Lorraine Wittig, Ruth Brooks, Patricia Welch, Wally Crouse and John Raby enjoyed a Christmas supper and grab bag on December 23rd.

#### Incoming Inspection

by Bill Fortini

The Incoming Inspection and Warehouse Departments would like to express their sincere thanks to Shirley Ponti and Bill Descoteau for a job well done as our Christmas party was a huge success. Our vote of thanks also goes to Olive Bourdon for a pleasant get together at her home after our party



and Debbie children of Preston Smith of Incoming Inspection.

by Helen Tatro & Eileen Brown

Here we are back again, the excitement of the Holidays has just about died down ... Headlines for this month: Welcoming new faces; Three take vacations; Dennis gets a ring; Bride back from Florida, Proud owner of new car; Four girls leave our force; Many enjoy themselves at Party; Santa Claus good to everyone... Welcoming new faces: We wish to welcome Florence Formhals and Eleanor Abuisi to our office; Lorraine Trozzi to Blueprint, Pete Horbal to Drafting after returning from a military leave of absence; George Schwarzer in our Brown St. Office. George also has a new bride, the former Helen Geary of Adams. Congratula-tions! Hope all the new folks enjoy working with us...Three take vacations: Ernie Mason of our Brown Street office and Ruth Wellspeak of our Marshall St. office took Christmas week for their vacation-attempting to prepare themselves for the holidays ahead. Joan O'Hearn took her two weeks' vacation and spent it visiting her brother in California. Dennis gets a ring: Denise (Dennis) Beauchemin received, a diamond from Howard. Our congratulations and best wishes go their way... Bride back from Florida: Lorraine Rock, our newest bride, is now back from her honeymoon in Florida and is in full swing of housekeeping... Proud owner of new car: Chuck Belouin is now the proud owner of a beautiful two-tone green 1959 Nash Rambler. We all envy him...Four Girls leave our force: We said our sad goodbyes to four of our co-workers Joan O'Neill was the first to leave. She was followed by Connie Tanguay, and Bert Quirk. And a few weeks ago, Barb Sampson left us. Barb, Bert, and Connie are happily awaiting blessed events. We are all anxious to hear the good news...Many enjoy themselves at party: Our annual Christmas Party was held December 17th at the Heartwellville Lodge. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time ... Santa Claus Good to everyone: It seems as though everyone had a very Merry Christmas here. They all received all the gifts they wanted and are looking forward to



'reglad Santa didn't forget Joseph, David and Laurence Bur dick, children of Ralph of Clorinol.



Bonnie Lee (left) and Jamie are the children of Tiny Knights of the LCC Line and James of Marshall St

by Barbara Belding & Marie Ziemlak Since this is our first issue of the new year, we wish to extend to everyone of our Log readers and friends the very best of everything that 1959 can possibly bring...We wish to extend our welcome to Florence Bua. Florence is replacing "Cookie" Gajda in the order office...Congratulations and our best wishes go to Joan Alibozek, Shirley Nadeau and Jean-ette Clairmont. Each of the girls received a beautiful diamond for Christmas.

Among our late vacationers in the office, we find Marie Ziemlak and Carol Severin. Marie spent an enjoyable week at home. (Recovering from the holidays.) Carol spent her vacation and the Christmas holiday visiting relatives in South Bend, Indiana ... Everyone is wondering why Mary Zoltek is looking so sad these days. Could it be that her friend has left for the Air Force? How about it, Mary?

#### Maintenance

by Judith Kelyer

Well, here I go again reporting for your regular reporter, Dot Buzzell, who is convelescing at home. We hope by the time this issue goes to press that she will be well on the road to re-We are all glad to see Pete covery...We are all glad to see Pete Rancatti back to work again from a

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Terrilee, 6, Paula, 4, and Robert, 2, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gamache.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY 11, Florence Dupre

l, Anthony Falco

1, John O'Connell

2, Lucille DiLorenzo 2, Pearl McGovern

2, Angie Damiano

3, Dorothy Lauth

4, Veronica Sobon

5, Josephine Johnson

5, Helen Krzeminski

5, Corinne Button

5, Joseph Morin 6, Bruce Bard

7. Nellie Hewitt

7, Elbert Becker

7, Dorene Sadlow

7, Mildred Rivers

11, Jean Bancroft

13, Mildred Pike

13, Nancy LeBeau

13, Lorraine LaVigne

13, Mary Saunders 14, Joel Pierce

14. Harriet Michaels

14, James Williams

14, Avelina King

15. Faustino Balardini

16, Viola Zepka

16, Robert E. Kelley

16, Aldem Trottier

16. Bernadette Barbeau

16, George Paquin

20, Gerry Cole

22, Grace Perreault 23, Katherine Clifton

17, Esther Poplaski

18, Emily Włodyka

19. Richard Belford

19. Mildred Conrov

20, Irene Sahady

18. Dorothy Marchio

24, Rita Rosch

24, Marie Rowett

24, Dolores Rancatti

27, Angelo Mazza

27, Madeline Rougeau

28, Marilyn Daub

28, Anna Barbuto

28, Francis Wilson

#### Anniversaries for February . . .

2, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Brown,

3, Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Esposito,

5. Mr. & Mrs. William Fortini, 10th

8. Mr. & Mrs. Loren Estes, 12th 10, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Law, 23rd 11, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Oleskiewicz,

12, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cleveland,

17, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Richards, 39th

19, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Barbuto, 2nd

23, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Dale, 23rd

25, Mr. & Mrs. William Schink, 34th

28, Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Sanzi, 11th

## The Concord Corner

Around the Plant . . .

Our Christmas Party which was Pembroke Road

Don?...How are you weathering had a nice visit from Dana Call, your hockey bruises. Dave Cates? Drafting department, presently embatch out for that stick!...Wes ployed by Uncle Sam, who will return Baker sported a sprained ankle after to Fort Dix to finish his basic training Vermont visiting her family while Doris Miner the country and enjoyed the Cali-hair cut over the weekend—poor dog fornia sunshine. . Sorry to see Sayoko Mash't stopped shivering yet!. . . Hope Mulligan. Charlotte Slatunas and "Timber" Whitehair has recovered Gloria Symonds leave their friends in from his "upset" on the living room the transistor dept. . . . Ann Towle entrained several employes at her home to welcome in the New Year. home to welcome in the New Year.

living in their newly purchased home, Our Christmas Party which was Pembroke Road... Florence Sinotte held at the New Hampshire Highway and her husband also have moved Hotel on December 20th, was a festive into a newly purchased home... occasion with Jesse Ault as Master of Welcome to a couple of new engineers: Ceremonies introducing guests from Dick Graves and Jus Muller... WelNorth Adams, Mr. William J. Nolan, come to the Quality Control Dept.; Vice-President & Secretary and Mr. Bill Boyd, Test Maintenance; Bernie Lohn Winan Ass't Director of Fes. Smith Production: Edna Cumning-John Winant, Ass't Director of Em. Smith Production; Edna Cunning-ploye & Community Relations and ham, Catherine Heath, Edward Kur-Mr. William Beneditti, Manager of owski, Christine Miner, Catherine the Flight Department. Some 300 Hanson, Leona Lakevicius, Marjorie guests attended and enjoyed roast MacFarlane, Barbara Mayo, Rachel turkey and ham dinners. Laura Charneaunuef, William Ricker, Rich-Palmer, transistor dept., was a recent ard Winsor, Elsie Campbell, Nancy lucky hunter-bagging a beautiful doe Ann Hebert, Claire Perreault, Leona We notice Don Foy is wearing a Daneault, Betty Peters, Beverly Ham, wedding band. Pretty Sneaky, huh, Lois Chase and Mary Poland. We

a day of skiing at Sunapee . Francis . . . . David Magoon, USN, was home Lane spent her vacation in snowy for the holidays visiting his mother, Frances Chroniak Goldie Moody chose the other side of gave her French Poodle "Jou Jou" a

home to velcome in the New Year...

Elaine Montminy dressed as 1958 and Simone Richard dressed as baby 1959

... Congratulations to Pat Spangler— a spring wedding is planned...Re- Rose Distadio to Charles Currier cently married Shirley Thompson to Lucille LaFlamme to Bernard Riopel Albert Marier, December 20th, now Patricia Spangler to Ralph Norton son, 7th

AW BLANCHE PRESCOTT 'MONDS LILY WOLFENDEN EVELYN GALLAGHER

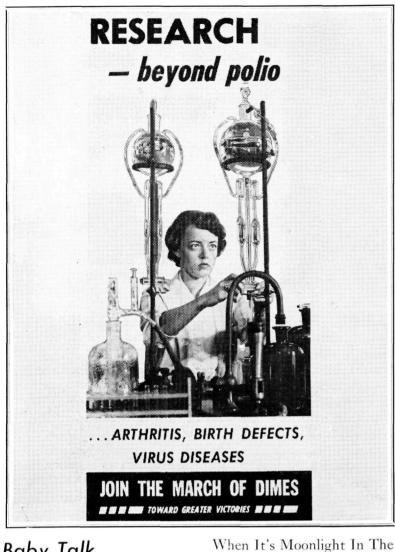


and Mrs. Albert Marie shown outside the Suncook Methodist Church after their wedding on December 20th.

#### February Birthdays

- Mary Gallagher Richard Perry
- Beverly Quimby
- Bernard Riopel
- Catherine Kalloch
- Beverly Tibeault
- Virginia Cotten Mary Bushey
- Andrew Carlin
- Mary Philbrick 20, Elizabeth Vosgershian

#### 25, Rita Sweeney Anniversaries



Valley

by Madge Taft

When it's moonlight in the valley

You can hear the crickets chirping

We will meet down by the spring

house

With the smell of pink apple blossoms

We'll both be happy there, dear,

As we stroll down through the valley

Remember we strolled through the

meadow

grain

Over the knoll and down through the

vallev

We've lived through many a hardship

storm Though the weather be cold and

dreary

So take my hand again darling

spring.

Down by the garden wall

Some how we'd always keep warm.

And we'll sit in the old rope swing

We'll meet by the house at the

With the smell of pink apple blossoms

We'll listen to the crickets chirping

When it's moonlight in the valley

And the dew begins to fall.

But some how we've weathered the

And then back home again.

Up the hills and through fields of

And dream of days gone by

Under the moonlit sky.

Take a stroll down lover's lane.

We will sit in the old rope swing.

And the dew begins to fall,

Down by the garden wall.

## Baby Talk . . .

Dec. 7, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Landy Jr., Daughter

Dec. 8, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Poirot,

Dec. 12, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Pelletier,

Dec. 14, Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Csanadi, Son

Dec. 14, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Saulnier, Son

Dec. 20, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon

Dyndor, Daughter Dec. 24, Mr. & Mrs. Nikita Rotast,

Daughter Dec. 25, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Delisle,

Dec. 28, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Pier-

pont, Daughter Dec. 30, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence

Folino, Son Dec. 31, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth

Meyer, Son Jan. 1, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Cohen,

Jan. 2, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Solari,

Jan. 3, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bourdon, Daughter

Jan 7, Mr. & Mrs Harold Chilson,

## Going My Way

Carol Brown & George Senecal Rosemarie Harrington & Joseph Paul Martell

Beverly Williams & Walter Gallup Dorothy Roberts & Walter Bayer Denise LaVigne & Jonathan Wooster Patricia Brosseau & William Fix

## "I Do" Notes

January 1, Helen Geary and George Schwarzer



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reach \$1.5-1.6 billion in 1959. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS

This market which closely approaches the home entertainment market in importance covers a great variety of new applications of electronics in the field of data processing, communications, industrial control, and more recently nuclear instrumentation. Data processing remains the largest of these, despite the fact that output leveled off late in 1957 as part of a general curtailment in spending for capital equipment.

The outlook for 1959 in this field is very good, since we can expect a resumption of the growth of dataprocessing equipment, and there should be a good market for communications equipment on the part of the airlines, as well as some general recovery in the capital goods sector. BRIGHT FUTURE FOR TRANSISTORS

The market for semi-conductors of all types continues to grow rapidly year by year, with total transistor sales in 1958 approximating \$100 million compared to \$70 million in 1957 despite significant reduction in prices. In terms of units, transistor production may increase as much as ten-fold in the next 10 years, from about 45 million to more than 500 million by 1967.

For the electronic parts producer, the mixed trends in the major endproduct markets made 1958 a difficult year. With the exception of semiconductors, total sales of parts and tubes appear to have been slightly below 1957. Doubtless the most important contributing factor in this decline has been the slowness of the pickup in military parts requirements, reflecting the substantial time lag between orders and deliveries in this area as well as the heavy emphasis on prototype and development work that has characterized many of the larger systems contracts to date. There are growing signs that the emphasis will be shifting gradually in the direction of actual weapons production as 1959 progresses, and indications are that by the latter part of the coming year sales of parts will be in a strong uptrend, which I fully expect to continue into 1960 and beyond. The market for replacement parts continued to grow last year, reaching a total of about \$950 million, and should again increase in 1959.

Although our industry will continue to face a variety of challenging problems during 1959, I look forward to the year with confidence that it will be a better year for electronics than 1958. A continuing demand for higher reliability in electronic equipment, emphasis on miniaturization, and a search for materials, and packaging techniques to permit electronic devices to operate under severe stresses from temperature, shock and vibration, are some of these problems.

Solution of these problems by our industry may result in our enjoying a greater growth in the next decade than was enjoyed in the last.

#### Departmental News (Cont.)

leave of absence...We all miss Paul Schwarzer who is on a leave of absence. Hope you are feeling better Paul. We miss you.

Congratulations are in order for Harold and Mrs. Chilson on the arrival of a son...Mary Mazza's youngest son, Tony, was recently discharged from the Navy. Mary works in the Aging Group. I bet you are glad that he is back safe and sound... We hear that Donald Bourdon has had his house remodeled. Well, Don, with four children running around it must give them more room. I hear it looks great, Don...Congratulations to Don Bourdon, of the Aging Group, and Al Barriere, of the Carpenter Shop, for their Suggestions for which they received an award.



Everyone said it was a wonderful Christmas party! It was held at Taconic Park by the Metal Clad Finish Dept.



Mary Scerbo, who worked here from 1946 to 1957, is shown enjoying the sun near her new home in

## The LOG Turns Its Pages Back To January, 1939

As usual Christmas Parties were being held through out the plant. Some of those attending the Impregnating Room party were—Dorothy Davison (now Mrs. Clarence Bliss of Filter Department); Zygamond Nash (now foreman of Misc. Assembly and parts preparation); George Coody (now electrician in Maintenance).

Those attending the Sample Laboratory party were Foreman Ray Calvi (Production Engineering); Rita Bergeron, (now Mrs. Albert Chenail of Production Engineering); Peter Mancuso (now of Production Engineering; Marion Scarbeau (now Mrs. Roy Caron of Dry Rolling); Rita Lapine (now Mrs. Raymond Bishop of Production Engineering). ENGAGEMENTS:

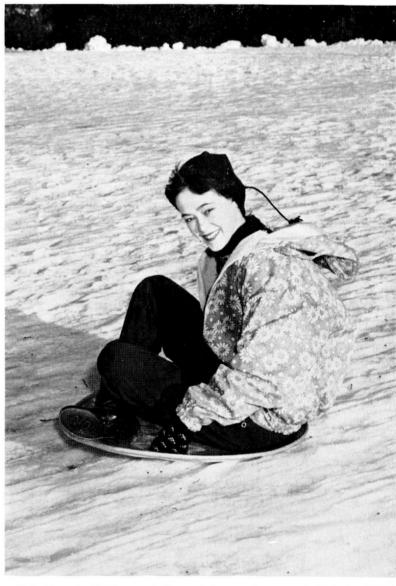
Laura Vincelette (now of the Prokar Department) to George Benoit Elizabeth Solomon (now of the Ceramic Department) to Ferris Ferris Rita Lapine (now of Production Engineering) to Raymond Bishop Jack Shields (now General Foreman in the Industrial Oil Department) to

Frank Morandi (now of the Can Shop) was one of eight employes who shared \$200 through the suggestion program.

In pictures of "Oldtimers at Sprague" are Beatrice Pierce (now in Check Inspection); Leda King (now in Small Orders Department); Mary Roberts (now in Cover Assembly); Josephine Convery (now in Small Order Department); Teresa Vitro (now in Foil Preparation); Lillian Colo (now in A.C. Dry Assembly); and Alma Haley (now in Ceramic Department); Daniel Kimball (now Foreman of Etching Department); and Ralph Sherman (now of Mag. Amp. Department).

This is your veteran reporter signing off. Hope to meet more of our friends of the past in the near future.

## Introducing . . . "Miss January"



Cute Beverly Williams of General Accounting certainly looks in her element as she speeds down a local slope on a recently captured "flying saucer". Beverly who hails from nearby Stamford, Vermont, also includes skating as one of her hobbies. She attended the University of Vermont for one year and recently became engaged to "Skip" Gallup, a Norwich